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NEWS TIPS

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON TO HOLD CORETTA SCOTT KING MEMORIAL SERVICE ON FEB. 7, DAY OF FUNERAL IN ATLANTA

DAYTON, Ohio – The University of Dayton will hold a memorial service for Coretta Scott King at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. The service, which coincides with the day of the funeral for the human rights activist in Atlanta, is open to the campus and the community.

King made one of her last public speaking engagements on campus last March as part of UD's Diversity Lecture Series and Annie T. Thornton Women's Leadership Conference. For a half century on the world stage, she carried the message of social justice and peace and led an exemplary life devoted to human rights. King, 78, died Jan. 31 at an alternative medicine clinic in Mexico.

The Rev. J. Roland Bailey, a UD campus minister, will offer an opening prayer and closing remarks. The service will include a poem recited by Rayna Rogers, a senior political science major; short reflections from Julius Amin, professor and chair of the history department, and Lynnette Heard, executive director of the president's office; songs; and prayer.

"She carried on Martin's dream in so many ways," said Heard, who first met King in 1980 when Heard organized a news conference at the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's national convention in Atlanta. "Hopefully, we can use her life as an inspiration to continue the University of Dayton's work in social justice. Her life had a meaning. She truly was one who changed the world – hand in hand with Martin."

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